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STATE JUDICIARY'S 2004 ANNUAL REPORT RELEASED BY MICHIGAN SUPREME COURT; COURT ACTIVITIES AND STATISTICS ARE FEATURES

LANSING, MI, April 19, 2005 – The Michigan Supreme Court has released its 2004 Annual Report, which includes caseload statistics and other information about state courts.

The report provides highlights of various judicial branch activities, including Michigan Adoption Day, child welfare, court technology, drug courts, and educational projects. The report also provides 2004 caseload statistics for the Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, and state trial courts. For most categories of statistics, the report provides not only 2004 numbers but information for each year going back to 1999.

“This very detailed report, and the accompanying statistical reports, are valuable resources for anyone who is interested in Michigan’s justice system,” said Chief Justice Clifford W. Taylor.

In 2002, the way courts reported their caseloads changed, Taylor noted. “Before 2002, court caseloads were reported under a number of broad categories,” he said. “Starting in 2002, the State Court Administrative Office, which is the Supreme Court’s administrative agency, revised the reporting system so that cases are reported by individual case type. These more detailed reports give us a clearer picture of the courts’ work in a given year.”

The Annual Report may be viewed on the “One Court of Justice” website at <http://www.courts.michigan.gov/scao/resources/publications/statistics/2004/2004execsum.pdf>. The statistical reports, which provide detailed circuit, probate, and district court information, are at <http://www.courts.michigan.gov/scao/resources/publications/reports/statistics.htm>.

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